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COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION

10 April 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Col. Edwin F. Sweeney, USAF
Deputy Director for Satellite Operations, NRO

SUBJECT: Operation of Doppler Beacon on CORONA
Missions

1. This memorandum confirms the COMREX Executive Secretary's telephone notification to you this date of the Committee's action concerning operation of the Doppler Beacon over Communist territory.

2. As requested at the 2 April meeting, the COMREX member agencies have notified this office of their agreement that the Doppler Beacon carried on CORONA missions may be operated continuously throughout the mission and need not be turned off over the territory of Communist countries.

3. This memorandum represents the formal COMREX guidance to the NRO on this matter. COMREX will continue to monitor closely the Doppler activity on future CORONA missions and will forward supplemental guidance as appropriate.


for Roland S. Inlow
Chairman

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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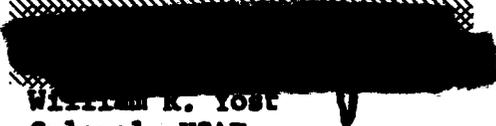
THE NRO STAFF

June 5, 1970

NOTE FOR DR. McLUCAS

You asked for a note to Mr. Packard relating our current practice of flying the doppler beacon on CORONA and the employment of identical devices by the Navy in its TRANSIT program to the question you are addressing to the 40 Committee. The note, for your signature, is attached.

We would propose to use it as a transmittal note for the copy of your 40 Committee memorandum addressed to Mr. Packard.


WILLIAM K. YOST
Colonel, USAF

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

June 9, 1970

NOTE FOR MR. PACKARD

SUBJECT: Doppler Beacons on CORONA Vehicles

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mitted, I did not include a reference to the doppler beacons we are currently flying on selected CORONA missions.

[REDACTED] they are low power [REDACTED] passive tracking [REDACTED] which permit a precise location of missile targets. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] beacons are [REDACTED] in its TRANSIT program for purposes of navigation and for geodetic research.

[REDACTED]
On April 10, 1970 the COMIREX (of USIB), following its review of this question, agreed that the CORONA doppler beacon could be operated continuously throughout our missions and need not be turned off over the territory of the Communist countries.

[REDACTED]
John L. McLucas

Attachment
Memo (to [REDACTED])
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